

I am very sorry to learn that my little boys are not as good and obedient as they ought to be. I hope they will try to do just what mother tells them to do, and never do what she says they must not do. I shall be very much grieved if mother writes to me again that you are naughty boys and do not mind her. Papa is very anxious to have good boys such as everybody will like to see. If you are bad and give poor mother so much trouble, I shall not be in a very great hurry to come home to see you. The streets are full of bad boys - I can see plenty of them here any day. But good boys are not so common and I would go a long ways to find two very good little boys.

My leg is getting along very well but I can't use it yet - and do not expect to be able to do so for some time. I try to bear my confinement as patiently as possible. It was a week yesterday since I was away from my quarters.

Love to all the friends and wishes to the good children  
My foot hurts me so that I can't write with any satisfaction.  
To good bye  
dearest,  
(Your Father)



Fort Hamilton  
July 23. 1843

My dear Augusta:

The old gingle here come to grief. The statement in the Commercial turns out to be true, he is retired along with a lot of other old fogies, who ought to have been out of the army long ago. The order took me by surprise, but I am not at all sorry for it. I don't think he will trouble me much more, and I don't think anybody but McElrath will grieve very deep for his fate. He you know belongs to the Barnack tribe and hoped that Gen B. was about to get a very important command and put him on his staff with increased pay and rank. Now that his pretty little house in Spain has disappeared he feels very much disgraced. I don't sympathize with them and I don't whether are a half dozen officers in the army who will not



rejoice to have Gen Brown out  
of the army. Capt Putnam would  
rather his influence had not waned  
so suddenly, as he had calculated  
on getting some help for himself and  
brother. The Genl has been very  
kind to him, and has treated him  
as well as he ever treated any body  
I suppose.

Mrs Mc Elrath came home  
yesterday; - she is not looking very  
well, tho' I understand she has been  
improved by her visit. She stays with  
his father. He was sent for because  
he expects to be ordered away soon.  
Whether he will or not I can't say.

Miss Mary Vanderpool & Sally & her  
father came ~~over~~ to see me yester-  
day afternoon; - they were showing  
some of their friends over the fort.

The mob has made the Irish  
girls so insolent that ladies can  
barely keep them. I have heard  
of several instances when they have  
cautioned their mistresses who were

blowing them up, that they had  
better take care as they belonged to  
the mob. There is a very bitter  
feeling against the Irish and if  
there should be another outbreak  
I am afraid it will take the ap-  
pect of a fight between races in  
churches. It is not likely however  
that the mob will show its head  
again very soon.

I am told the Sheriff of Flenking  
preserved the peace of his neighborhood  
in which there are a good many  
Negroes by visiting the Catholic priest.  
He told him that he had influence en-  
ough over the Irish of his flock to pre-  
vent an outbreak; and he would  
assure him that he as Sheriff had  
not influence enough to prevent the  
people from retaliating. The Catholics  
have a large Church, Munnery and  
School House; there he said the people  
had resolved to burn the moment a  
house was fired by the Irish. In  
consequence there was no trouble  
in that community.